

Table 20. Number, percent distribution, and annual rate of drug mentions at office visits with corresponding standard errors, by therapeutic classification: United States, 2000

Therapeutic classification ¹	Number of drug mentions in thousands	Standard error in thousands	Percent distribution	Standard error of percent	Number of drug mentions per 100 visits ²	Standard error of rate
All drug mentions	1,263,503	74,006	100.0	...	153.4	5.0
Cardiovascular-renal drugs	192,198	14,641	15.2	0.6	23.3	1.4
Drugs used for relief of pain	137,211	10,183	10.9	0.4	16.7	0.9
Hormones and agents affecting hormonal mechanisms	136,306	11,272	10.8	0.5	16.6	1.0
Respiratory tract drugs	126,316	12,846	10.0	0.6	15.3	1.2
Antimicrobial agents	116,300	7,732	9.2	0.4	14.1	0.6
Central nervous system drugs	113,210	8,762	9.0	0.5	13.7	0.9
Metabolic/nutrients	95,705	6,953	7.6	0.3	11.6	0.7
Skin/mucous membrane drugs	64,880	5,118	5.1	0.3	7.9	0.5
Gastrointestinal agents	58,211	4,719	4.6	0.2	7.1	0.4
Immunologics	54,239	5,574	4.3	0.4	6.6	0.6
Ophthalmics	35,064	4,231	2.8	0.3	4.3	0.5
Neurologic drugs	30,615	2,658	2.4	0.2	3.7	0.3
Hematologic agents	22,474	1,941	1.8	0.1	2.7	0.2
Otologics	10,191	1,259	0.8	0.1	1.2	0.1
Anesthetic drugs	10,096	2,030	0.8	0.2	1.2	0.2
Oncolytics	9,877	2,299	0.8	0.2	1.2	0.3
Contrast media/radiopharmaceuticals	5,380	893	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.1
Antiparasitics	4,233	832	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.1
Other and unclassified ³	40,997	3,589	3.2	0.3	5.0	0.4

... Category not applicable.

* Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision.

¹Based on the standard drug classification used in the *National Drug Code Directory*, 1995 edition (NDC) (12).²Number of drug mentions divided by total number of visits multiplied by 100.³Includes antidotes, unclassified/miscellaneous drugs, and homeopathic products.

NOTE: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 21. Number and rate of generic substances for the 20 most frequently occurring generic substances in drug mentions at office visits with corresponding standard errors: United States, 2000

Generic substance	Number of occurrences in thousands ¹	Standard error in thousands	Number of generic substances per 100 drug mentions ²	Standard error of rate
Acetaminophen	39,903	3,436	3.2	0.2
Amoxicillin	32,414	2,713	2.6	0.2
Hydrochlorothiazide	22,462	2,144	1.8	0.1
Estrogens	21,401	1,973	1.7	0.1
Levothyroxine	19,751	3,343	1.6	0.2
Albuterol	19,232	2,040	1.5	0.1
Ibuprofen	17,460	1,889	1.4	0.1
Loratadine	17,153	2,398	1.4	0.1
Atorvastatin calcium	16,561	1,684	1.3	0.1
Guaifenesin	15,717	1,975	1.2	0.1
Lisinopril	15,240	1,640	1.2	0.1
Aspirin	15,219	1,759	1.2	0.1
Furosemide	15,049	1,583	1.2	0.1
Hydrocodone	13,972	1,526	1.1	0.1
Atenolol	13,746	1,442	1.1	0.1
Amlodipine	13,151	1,704	1.0	0.1
Multivitamins, general	12,525	1,910	1.0	0.1
Metformin	12,328	1,422	1.0	0.1
Celecoxib	12,161	1,353	1.0	0.1
Metoprolol	11,604	1,182	0.9	0.1

¹Frequency of mention combines single-ingredient agents with mentions of the agent as an ingredient in a combination drug.²Based on an estimated 1,263,503,000 drug mentions at office visits in 2000.